

Paint Stewardship

Solid Waste Forum

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Some Statistics



- 2,735,742 households generate and estimated 1.88 million gallons of waste paint per year
- Other estimates are .687 gallons per household per year Recycling and disposal of paint is the number one expense at HHW facilities
- Many HHW facilities do not accept latex paint

What do I do with old paint?

- Probably the most frequently asked question at recycling centers and solid waste management districts

- Options:

- Use it up
- Donate it to someone who can use it
- Take it to a paint recycler
- Dry it out and throw in the trash



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- Most HHW facilities don't take or would prefer not to take latex paint
- If they do accept it they filter and mix it and give it away or sell it
 - Generally successful but labor intensive
- It goes to disposal through a contractor



Current Options Available in MO

- There are a few HHW sites around the state that accept latex
- Earthbound Recycling in Eureka, Mo.
 - Accept paint and charge 30 cents per pound, container included
- Earth Paints Collection Systems (EPCS)
 - Operates in Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana
 - Collect thru Ace Hardware & other retailers
 - Charge \$3.50 per gallon

Paint Stewardship Program in MO?

- MORA is investigating a paint stewardship for MO that would:
 - Reduce generation of postconsumer paint,
 - Promote reuse and
 - Provide a system for recycling proper disposal of leftover paint at a reduced cost



Successful Programs

- PaintCare in Minnesota
- Paint Swap in Wilson County, NC
- Reuse Rooms at HHW centers
- SWAP shop at landfill, Creston, IA
- Neighborhood Reuse program, San Ramon, CA



Discussion

- Ideas/program to share?
- Is paint stewardship best handled at the local or state level?
- Who should be the lead – solid waste districts, not-for-profits, local or state government?
- How should it be funded – grants, fees accessed at point of sale, fees at point of recycling, producers, all of the above?

Questions?

